## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to the parent International application and to add appropriate section headings. In addition, the references to the claims in the Summary section have been replaced with the text of the original claims. Further, a minor typographical error concerning a reference number is also corrected. No new matter has been added.

New claims 10-29 are submitted herewith for examination and replace original claims 1-9, which have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing such claims at a later date.

Support for the new claims in the original description (i.e. the enclosed English translation of PCT/DE2005/000226) and the original claims is identified as follows:

Claim 10: Original claim 1

Claim 11: Original claim 2

Claims 12, 15, 23: Original claim 3

Claims 13, 16, 24: Original claim 4

Claims 14, 17, 25: Original claim 5

Claims 18, 26: Paragraph [0025] and the drawings, which depict side elements 28 as panel structures

Claim 19: Original claims 1 and 6

Claim 20: Original claim 7

Claim 21: Original claim 8

Claim 22: Original claim 9

Claim 27: Original claims 1 and 6, paragraph [0022] (rear segment 25 is disposed adjacent to the forward roof part 22), paragraph [0025] (description of the preferred location for the side elements 28), paragraph [0026] ("frame 27 for the rear window 26"), and the drawings (which depict the side elements 28 as panel structures)

Claim 28: Paragraph [0033] and Figure 5

Claim 29: Original claim 5 and paragraph [0034]

Additional support for new claims 10-29 is provided by the specification and figures and can be identified, if necessary.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present Application are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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